GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FINANCE
LOK SABHA

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UNRECOVERED TAXES
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the amount of unrecovered taxes has increased alarmingly during the last few years;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the exact amount of unrecovered tax, sector-wise during last three years; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to recover this amount?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN)
(a)& (b):The unrecovered amount of income tax, corporation tax, customs duty and central excise duty during the last three years, is as under:-

(Rs. in crore)	
1997-98	47,888
1998-99	52,617
1999-2000	62,226

Sector-wise details of unrecovered tax are not main- tained.

(c): Recovery of tax is a continuous process, involving the use of statutory provisions which include charging of interest,levy of penalty and attachment and sale of movable and immovable properties. Periodical review and monitoring of cases involving high demands are also made by higher authorities on a regular basis and necessary instructions are issued from time to time for effect- ing recovery of the outstanding taxes.